

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed June 7, 2005 ("Office Action"). With the cancellation of Claim 21 and the adoption of amendments suggested in the Office Action and an Examiner interview, only allowable and allowed claims remain, namely Claims 1-20. Favorable action is requested.

Summary of Interview

Applicants, through its attorney, Ryan S. Loveless (Reg. No. 51,970), interviewed Examiner Michael Simitoski on August 31, 2005 ("Examiner Interview"). Applicants appreciate Examiner Simitoski's time. During the interview, Examiner Simitoski and Applicants discussed the Section 112, 2nd paragraph rejections and the Section 101 rejection in the Office Action. With regards to the Section 112, 2nd paragraph rejections, Examiner Simitoski indicated that such rejections would be removed upon conforming the claims to use "encrypting" and "decrypting" instead of "encoding" and "decoding." With regards to the Section 101 rejection no resolution was made.

Allowed Claim

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claim 13.

Claim Objections

The Office Action presented an objection to Claims 1-10, followed by suggested amendments. Applicants have adopted these suggested amendments and, accordingly, request removal of the objection. With removal of this rejection, Claims 1-10 are allowable.

Section 112 Rejections

Claims 11-12 and 14-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph. The Office Action provided suggested amendments to Claims 14 and 17. Applicants have adopted these suggested amendments as well as the amendments suggested in the Examiner Interview. Accordingly, Claims 11-12 and 14-20 are allowable.

Other Rejections

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 21 was additionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Borella, et al. Applicants have cancelled Claim 21 without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

If the present application is not allowed and/or if one or more of the rejections is maintained, Applicants hereby request a telephone conference with the Examiner and further request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at (214) 953-6511 to schedule the telephone conference.

Although no fees are believed to be currently due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,
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